

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, April 21, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Eternal God, at the beginning of each day our intention is to serve You and the people in a thoughtful and responsible manner. Strengthened by Your assistance we believe that we can be faithful to our personal and religious goals, principles and ideals. The Jewish Community is about to observe and celebrate Passover. This great biblical and religious event, reminds us of God's concern for our personal freedom and well-being. We join the Jewish Community in our prayers and thoughts as we together give thanks to God for his personal concern and love for us, at all times and in all circumstances.

Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Petrolati), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. DiMasi of Boston) recognizing the week of May 1-7, 2005 as "Goodwill Industries Week";

Goodwill
Industries
Week.

Resolutions (filed by Miss Garry of Dracut) congratulating Stephen Ouellette for more than two decades of service to the Dracut Lions Club; and

Stephen
Ouellette.

Resolutions (filed by Miss Garry of Dracut) congratulating Douglas G. Willett for three decades as a selectman for the town of Dracut;

Douglas G.
Willett.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Fagan of Taunton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Chief Justice for Administration & Management (pursuant to Chapter 149 of the 2004, item 0330-0300) relative to extending the filing date to May 31 on a plan to improve public records storage and office space efficiencies;

Public
record
storage.

Lancaster,
lease land.

From the Capital Asset Management and Finance Division (pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 185 of the Acts of 2000) submitting copies of a proposed lease of land in the town of Lancaster to Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps; and

Land
transfers.

From a sub-committee of the former committee on Local Affairs and Regional Government submitting an updated analysis of Article 97 land transfers;

Severally placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

Blackstone
River Valley.

Annual report
Of the Blackstone River Canal Commission (under Chapter 568 of 1981) for the calendar year 2004;

Women-Owned
Businesses.

Of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (pursuant to Section 6(i) of Chapter 193 of the Acts of 2004) relative to contract compliance construction projects awards to minority and women-owned businesses for the year 2004;

Emerging
Technology
Fund.

Quarterly report
Of MassDevelopment (pursuant to Chapter 141 of the Acts of 2003) concerning the Economic Stimulus Trust Fund of the Commonwealth;

Progress
report.

Reports
Of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (pursuant to Section 54 of the Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2004) submitting its final progress report;

Speech-
Language
Pathology.

Of the Department of Education (pursuant to Section 8 of Chapter 433 of the Acts of 2004) relative to the certification of speech-language pathology assistants and audiology assistants;

Audit
report
2004.

Of the Springfield Parking Authority (pursuant to Section 15 of Chapter 647 of the Acts of 1981) submitting the audit report for the fiscal year 2004;

Indigent
persons,
legal
services.

Of the Public Counsel Services Committee (pursuant to item 0321-1500 of Chapter 149 of the Acts of 2004) relative to information about the legal services provided to indigent persons in civil and criminal cases; and

Capital
Investment
Program.

Of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (pursuant to Section 5(g) of Chapter 161A of the General Laws) submitting a capital investment program for the years 2006 thru 2010;

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Peabody,
voting
precinct.

Ms. Spiliotis of Peabody presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3415) of Joyce A. Spiliotis and others (with approval of the mayor and city council) relative to establishing a voting precinct known as Brooksby Village in the city of Peabody; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

Sandwich,
tax
collection.

A Bill relating to the collection of taxes in the town of Sandwich (Senate, No. 2026) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 2799).

Michelle
Sharac,
sick leave
bank.

By Ms. Rivera of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill further regulating enhanced 911 services (House, No. 1415).

Emergency
911 calls.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the eligibility for health insurance for school employees (House, No. 518).

School
employees,
insurance.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mrs. Owens-Hicks of Boston, for the committee on Children and Families, on a petition, a Bill to reduce homelessness and promote housing stability for low-income families with children (House, No. 1454).

Low-income
families.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the allocation of matching state grants to municipalities that implement strategies to end homelessness (House, No. 1458).

Homelessness,
state grants.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 95 and House, No. 1462, a Bill removing barriers to emergency shelter for families with children (House, No. 1462).

Families
with children,
shelter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 92 and House, No. 1463, a Bill requiring the Department of Transitional Assistance to track and report on families use of emergency shelter services (House, No. 1463).

Family
shelter.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to the representative town meeting for the town of Belmont (House, No. 1725) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at ten o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at ten o'clock A.M.